

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

13. (Amended) A medical lead, as in Claim 9, wherein the elongated conductive element is electrically connected to the conductor using a method selected from the group consisting of welding, crimping and conductive adhesives.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 29 are pending in the present application. Of these claims, Claims 18 to 29 have been withdrawn from consideration in view of a restriction requirement. In an Office Action mailed August 5, 2002, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 to 17. Claim 13 has been amended for clarification. This amendment adds no new matter. Upon entry of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of Claims 1 to 17.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 13 as informal for failing to include a period at the end of the claim. Applicant has amended Claim 13 to include a period.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection of Claim 13 be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,417,208 by Winkler (the Winkler patent). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner contends that the Winkler patent teaches a catheter having a conductor a conductive pad and a ring electrode as claimed by Applicant. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Winkler patent teaches a copper ribbon of wire circumferentially secured around a lead body through a groove in the insulator to contact a conductor within the groove.

In Claims 1 to 8, Applicant discloses and claims a conductive pad *within* a welding region with a band welded to the conductive pad to electrically connect the band to a conductor. At the outset, the conductive pad as taught and claimed by Applicant is